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A FOURTH

LETTER

TO THE

COMMONS and CITIZENS

OF THE

CITY of *DUBLIN*.

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MY FELLOW-C[illegible] FRIENDS,

AS every Th[illegible] tends to your Honor and Intereſt, muſt ever give me Joy and Satisfaction; ſo, whatever tends to Prejudice, or leſſen you, in any Reſpect, muſt always give me equal Concern.

THERE can be none ſo unjuſt, ſo malevolent among you, as to ſuſpect, that the Pains I have taken, ſince I have been a Citizen, could have been done with any other Intention, or View, than purely to promote that true Regard to the Conſtitution of our City and Country, to raiſe that juſt Senſe of *Liberty* and *Loyalty*, upon which our very Being, as a City, or a Kingdom, abſolutely depends.

To this great End,—you muſt all know, I have inceſſantly labored, at great Expence of Time; regardleſs of what the World calls *Pleaſures*; to the Prejudice and Hazard of Fortune, and often, to the Peril of my Life.

FOR this, I neither did, nor do deſire, or expect, any Reward from the Public. I did it from a Senſe of Duty. In that, it was a Virtue. And Virtue ever ſecures her own Reward. Therefore, I ſhall religiouſly perſevere, from the ſame Principles and Motives; and that Life, and thoſe Means, which Heaven has given me, not for my ſelf alone, I ſhall not, like an unjuſt Steward, bury in lenſeleſs Inactivity;

vity; no; I will faithfully devote, and if Occaſion requires, ſacrifice them to the Service of the Public.

To this, I always judged myſelf bound by every Senſe of Duty, moral, religious, and political. But, ſince the generous and loyal CITIZENS of *Dublin*, have thought me worth their Notice and Regard, and have favored me with ſo many and great Marks of their Approbation; they have laid me under new Obligations, from Gratitude. Therefore, before I can forget YOU, MY PATRONS, and MY FRIENDS, *my Right Hand ſhall forget her Cunning, and my Tongue ſhall cleave to the Roof of my Mouth.*

You might poſſibly have imagined, that when I am ſo ſenſibly affected by your Countenance, I muſt be greatly diſtreſſed and caſt-down, by the heavy Cenſure paſſed upon me, in the laſt Aſſembly, by the *honorable* the SHERIFS and COMMONS. But, though the Charge, made upon me, be of the moſt baſe and heinous Nature, nothing leſs, than *Falſehood*, *Malice*, and *Scandal*; yet, I hope to acquit my ſelf of the foul Aſperſions, and place them on thoſe, that to theſe horrid Crimes have added *black Perfidy* and *rank Injuſtice.*

Now, MY FRIENDS, let me a while, addreſs the *auguſt* Aſſembly of COMMONS, apart.

Gentlemen of the *Commons*,

I HAVE, with more juſt Concern for you and your unhappy Conſtituents, in general, than for my individual Self, read the *ſolemn Impeachment* of me, which you ordered to be inſerted in all the public Papers of this City, and, which for your Reviſal, and more clear Judgement, I beg Leave to preſent once more to your View, in this Letter.

Proceedings of the Sheriſs and Commons of the City of Dublin, at a general Aſſembly held at the Tholſel, the 21ſt Day of July 1749.

WHEREAS in a Pamphlet intituled, a ſecond Letter to the Commons and Citizens of Dublin, dated May 13, 1749, and printed by James Eſ-

dall on Cork-Hill, the following Paragraph was inſerted.

'When I found, upon ſpeaking to ſome of my 'Acquaintance, that you, Gentlemen of the Commons, were, as uſual, but partially ſummoned, when 'I found in a principal Street in this City, in which 'ſeveral Brothers live, who are of the Commons, 'that but ſome of theſe Brothers had the Diſgrace to 'be ſummoned, for I muſt ſuppoſe none were called 'but ſuch as were deemed Vaſſals enough to do what 'the Conclave of Cardinals commanded, and ſo forth.'

Now, we the Sheriffs and Commons in full Aſſembly met, having called upon our Officer of Commons, and having ſtrictly examined him with Regard to the Juſtneſs of the above Charge, the ſaid Officer, in Juſtification of himſelf, produced the undermentioned Affidavit.

County of the City of Dublin, to wit. } SAmuel Morgan, of the City of Dublin, Officer of Commons, came this Day before me, and made Oath, on the Holy Evangeliſts, and ſaith, That about ſixteen Years ago, he, this Deponent, was appointed Officer of Commons of the ſaid City, during which Time, he, this Deponent, never did neglect, to the beſt of this Deponent's Knowlege, upon all Poſt-Aſſemblies, and all other Committees, to ſerve, or cauſe to be ſerved, all Summonſes, as this Deponent was directed by the ſeveral Lord Mayors of the ſaid City, nor did this Deponent ever neglect, or omit ſerving ſuch Summons, or Summonſes, willingly, or deſignedly, nor omit ſummoning any particular Perſon, by Order of any Lord Mayor, or any other Perſon, nor did he ever receive any Inſtructions from any Lord Mayor, or any other Perſon whatſoever, to omit ſummoning any Member of the Commons, at any Time, to the beſt of this Deponent's Knowlege, Remembrance, and Belief.

Sworn before me the 21ſt Day of July 1749,
Samuel Morgan. ROBERT ROSS.

The Sheriffs then called upon the Commons, deſiring them to inform the Houſe if any of them could charge

the said Officer with such Neglect? to which they replied, they could not. A Motion was then made, and unanimously agreed to in said Assembly, that the above Paragraph was false, malicious, and scandalous, and that for the Satisfaction of the Public, and Sake of Truth, have ordered the same to be published in the several News-Papers of this City.

Signed by Order of the Sheriffs and Commons,

JAMES GODDARD, Cl. Com.

Now, *Gentlemen*, for *Brethren* and *Fellow Citizens*, I shall not presume to call you, lest, with great Justice, you should *vote*, that, *false*, *malicious*, and *scandalous*; give me Leave, in mine own Vindication, to the PUBLIC, not to *you*; for, that you already opposed and rejected; to examine *these* and *some other* of your late *Proceedings*, with more Impartiality and open Justice, than you were pleased to allow me; without intending any *Falsehood*, *Malice*, or *Scandal*, unless made such by your most *powerful Voice*.

THE first Time I took a Pen in Hand to address you, in particular, was to apprise you of a new destructive Contrivance of the *Aldermen*, who having left none of the City Lands, wherewith to gratify their *Minions*, as heretofore; determined to vest the *Tolls* and *Customs* of the City, on which, it's Support now principally depends, in one of the *Aldermen*. You vouchsafed to read it. You were alarmed. The Majority were honest and disinterested, or not sufficiently documented to serve the Purposes of the *Board*. The Project so far failed, that the *Aldermen* could not trust you with the favorite Scheme; but, dismissed you, after keeping you long sitting, idle, useless *Cyphers*; or like so many tame *Slaves*, impatiently waiting for the *Burden*, from their *gracious Task-Masters*. Who may be said to have obstructed this Scheme's taking Effect? ——Ask your own Hearts! It was then thought Praise-worthy: Not a *Slave* was found among you, to discountenance the just Opposition, even by applauding the Project! But, now, how are the Just and Good fallen! Reflecting upon the iniquitous Measures of the *Aldermen*, of which,

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not a Man among you is ignorant, is now judged, *falſe! malicious! ſcandalous!*

Sure, never was any Offence, or Puniſhment equal to mine! I have labored hard for the *Commons*. I have ſhewn them, their Intereſt and Duty. That is my Crime. And, becauſe they will not obſerve *either*, they expoſe themſelves to the public Obloquy; and then, they quarrel with, and ſtigmatiſe, me!

Of the Merit of oppoſing the *Toll-Scheme*, both you and I were ſtripped by the *Aldermen*. As ſoon, as the *prevailing Faction*, ſaw the Spirit raiſed againſt it, muſt prevent it's Succeſs with you, they ran among you in the *Tholſel*, and affected to exclame bitterly againſt the Scheme and it's Projectors. They artfully cried, it was a Shame for any Member of the Councils of the City, eſpecially, an *Alderman*, to apply for any ſervile Place in the City, till he firſt reſigned his Office of *Counſellor*; and, that therefore, they were determined to oppoſe the Petition of *Alderman John Walker*, though Son-in-Law to *Alderman Nathaniel Kane*, their *new Friend* and *Ally*, ſo effectually, that it ſhould never paſs the *Board*; which accordingly was the Caſe. And you were told, the Scheme was rejected for ever.

Of this, the *Sages* boaſted in public. And, their favorite and daily *Orator*, whom to diſtinguiſh from Mr. *John Carty* and Mr. *Huband*; I muſt name, though it may grate his Modeſty to be claſſed among ſuch ſhining Characters; the moſt worſhipful *Alderman Charles Burton*, in his public Orations, in Defence of the *Board*, and in modeſt Recommendation of his *dead* Father, and his *living* ſelf, has often aſſerted, in the Corporation Halls, as one of his pregnant Proofs of the Reformation of his *Brethren* of the *Board*, that *they* had rejected *that Petition*, with due Indignity. Yet, ſee how you have *fallen* in *their* Judgement! For, when *they* found you could, not only ſpurn at wholeſome Advice, but *abuſe*, and cruelly, undeſervedly *ſtigmatiſe* him, that from a pure, unfeigned Heart, and a zealous Hand, worn, though not wearied, in your Service; they exulted; they judged you changed. They

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broke Faith with you, and their *Orator*; or, he knowingly deceived you and the Public: For, the *Alderman* revived his Petition laſt Aſſembly. The *Board*, which before, exclamed againſt it, deſpiſed and rejected it; now readily received, paſſed it, and ſent it to the *Sheriffs* and *Commons*. ——I leave you to tell it's Fate in your Houſe; leſt you ſhould vote my Recital, *falſe*, *malicious*, and *ſcandalous*.

When Men ſet out upon the Principles, that ſhould actuate juſt Judges; are qualified to judge, and reſolutely determined to do ſtrict Juſtice, their Judgement muſt be of great Weight with all the World. But, if any Men, however dignified with ſpecious Forms, with Power and Rank, take upon them to judge, when manifeſtly diſqualified, by *Ignorance*, *Partiality*, or *Corruption*, their Judgement, though it ſhould chance to be juſt, will have but little Weight with the World, and when they attempt to beſpatter the Innocent with unjuſt Cenſure or Calumny, it muſt neceſſarily fall upon their own unhallowed Heads.

If a Man be brought to Trial for any Fact, before a Court, that lays aſide all Regard to Forms and Rules of Law, and Principles of Juſtice; and inſtead of hearing all Parties and Witneſſes, for and againſt the Queſtion; Face to Face; hear but one Side of the Queſtion, and that by *Halves*, and only on *Negative* Proof; *he* and the World would have Room to think *him* hardly uſed, that he ſhould be ſentenced by ſuch *partial*, ſuch *iniquitous* Judges; and his Caſe would be ſtill harder, were he deprived of the Benefit of an Appeal.

How far your Judgement of me, lies parallell to this Caſe, I leave to the Dictates of your own Hearts. And I now appeal to all the Powers of Heaven and *Earth*, againſt your ill-founded *Proceedings*; let the diſpaſſionate judge whether moſt *Falſehood*, or Injuſtice; *Malice*, or undeſerved Ill-Will; *Scandal*, or falſely and undeſervedly, robbing a Man of his good Fame; lies in the Hearts of the deſigning Movers of this *Proceeding*, or in mine.

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I defy the moſt adverſe Enemy to Truth and Liberty, among all the *Minions* and *Advocates* of the *Board* of *Aldermen*, whether thoſe of this *City*, or of the *Nation*, to prove, with all their moſt ſubtil Sophiſtry, that I advanced any Thing, ſince I firſt drew the Pen, in the almoſt *unknown* Cauſe of *Liberty*, in any Degree, tending to the Injury of our glorious Syſtem of Government, or that of any of it's *worthy* Magiſtrates, Miniſters, or Members. No; to this they do not, they can not pretend. My ſole Crime is attempting to detect the *unworthy*, and bring them to condign Puniſhmen, and, thereby to reſtore the City and the State. And for this, I muſt, and do expect to meet many, too many, and too powerful Antagoniſts; though not among you. But, I have a good Object in View; and though I muſt often expect to be joſtled and forced out of my Way, I ſhall never quit the Chace, till I gain the wiſhed-for Ends, or loſe my Life: For, I would not, I dare not, out-live the Conſtitution of my Country. Let thoſe that think this a Crime, *cenſure* me; I ſhall, in my Turn, *laugh them to* Scorn.

Little expected, when I became the *Servant* of the Public, when I *prematurely*, indeed, exulted upon the *ſeeming* Virtue, Courage, and Conduct of the Commons of the City of *Dublin*, that I ſhould have met, in Return, with their ſevereſt Reproach, and bitterest Cenſure.

I ſhall beg leave to trouble you, with a full Recital of the two Paragraphs, in my Second Letter, of which you, *partially*, take a *Fragment* only, as moſt likely to ſerve the Purpoſes of certain deſigning Men.

When I found, upon ſpeaking to ſome of my Acquaintance, that You, Gentlemen of the Commons, were, as uſual, but *partially* ſummoned; when I found, in a principal Street in this City, in which ſeveral Brothers live, who are of the *Commons*, that but *ſome* of theſe Brothers had the *Diſgrace* to be ſummoned; for, I muſt ſuppoſe none were called, but ſuch, as were *deemed Vaſſals* enough to do what the *Conclave* of *Cardinals* commanded; I muſt honeſtly confeſs to you, that mine Heart ached for My Brethren, and Fellow Citizens; fearing, from former melancholly Examples,

ples, that a *few* would have been unwarily trepanned into the Ruin of the City and the indelible Disgrace of the *absent*, as well, as the *attending* Commons. "

"But, when I found You all justly alarmed, at th' destructive Plot; when the *Commons unsummoned*, *unexpected* by the *Rulers*, bravely, nobly, virtuously attended, ready to assert their *own Honor*, and the *Rights* of their *Constituents*; How my Soul exulted, is more easily conceived by generous Minds, than by me expressed. "

Now, you are all sensible, that nothing has been more frequently and justly complained of, than the sudden and irregular manner in which *Post-Assemblies* and *Committees* are usually called, or summoned; that many have given it as an Excuse for non-attendance, that they were not summoned at all; some, that they were not summoned in due Time, and others, that their Summonses were filled irregularly, and illegibly; for instance, instead of the Day and hour in *Words* at length, in bad, blotted, unintelligible *Figures*, or without any; and many such Omissions and Irregularities, as have often proved hurtful to the City. For the Truth of this, I appeal to every Gentleman, who has been in the *Commons*, particularly in the Years 1741, 1742, and 1743, when *this very Officer* was frequently reprimanded for not duly summoning the Members. And I will venture to say, that most, if not all of the *Commons*, who now join in acquitting their *worthy Officer*, and censuring me, must confess, that he has not *once* in *twenty times* summoned them himself in Person; but has been obliged to trust that most important Part of his Office, to a *Deputee*, nay, to the *Deputee* of a *Deputee's Deputee*; while he was acting the Part of *Mace-Bearer*, or *Deputee-Sword-Bearer*, before the *Lord-Mayor*. And, that for the very *Post-Assembly* mentioned, there has not been half the Summonses served, at twenty-four Hours notice.

Hence, it has often happened, that in some *Post-Assemblies*, as well, as *Committees*, there have been scarce the necessary Number to compose the *Quorum*. And every body must be sensible, that it has been by

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uch *Aſſemblies*, and ſuch *Committees*, the City has been reduced to Beggary and Deſtruction. But, becauſe theſe meaſures are now cenſured, and expoſed, and that the *Board* is not left ſo many and equal Opportunities to *defraud* and to *Tyraniſe*, with the uſual Secrecy and Impunity; It is incumbent on *their Creatures* to vote the *Detection*, *falſe*, *malicious* and *ſcandalous!*

It is notorious, that when I wrote my *Second Letter*, there was a general Complaint, of the *Commons* not being ſummoned, all over the Town. And had I expected, it would ever be controverted, I might have collected many poſitive Proofs. Whoever looks over the *Polls* of the *Commons* on *Poſt-Aſſemblies*, even when the greateſt Purchaſes, Sales, and Leaſes have been made, and finds the Number of the *Commons*, but little exceed *fourty*, the bare Number, without which, they can not procede to Buſineſs; will have no great Room to doubt it's being owing to the *not-calling*, or *prohibiting* the *Commons* to Aſſemble. And when among ſome Brothers, Mr. *Hamilton Ribton*, in *Dover-Street* got no Summons, it is no very foreign preſumption, "*that the* Commons *were*, *as* uſual, *but* partially ſummoned"——And, "*that none were called, but ſuch, as were* deemed Vaſſals *enough to do what the* Conclave *of* Cardinals *preſcribed, or commanded.*" And, I muſt alſo preſume, that were you not afraid of proving this Aſſertion, true; you would then have *voted* me guilty of ſome *high Crimes*, for pointing out that Intereſt and Duty, of which, a *Neglect* muſt have made *you criminal*.

But, pray, Sirs, ſuppoſing all this, as *falſe*, as *malicious*, and as *ſcandalous* as you would paint it; is it ſufficient Cauſe for you, the Grand Council of the City, to diveſt yourſelves of the Principles of Reaſon, Juſtice and Law, in the Proſecution of one, whoſe greateſt Crime is a warm *Zeal* for the *Service* of the Public, and who, in that Purſuit, might without any *falſe*, *malicious*, *ſcandalous*, or *evil* Intention, have committed many *Miſtakes* and *Errors*? Was my Crime ſuch, as levelled me with the moſt notorious Offender, a common *Out-Law*? Why was not the

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whole Paper read and critically ſcanned over, and the Author examined, who attended you cloſely, though in vain, to *edge* you on to other parts of your Duty?---That would not have anſwered your Purpoſe. Truth would have come to Light, and ſcared it's Enemies. It would have appeared, that what you *artfully* cover and diſguiſe, with the *falſe* Titule of, a *Pamphlet*, which implies a ſmall, *unbound Book*, is no more, than *half a Sheet* of Paper. You muſt have judged of the *whole Paper*, or of ſome *complete Paragraph*, not of a looſe, disjointed Paragraph, or *Fragment*; you muſt have examined your *Officer* of *Commons*, whether he conſtantly and in Perſon, ſummoned all the *Commons* to every *Aſſembly*, and *Poſt-Aſſembly* twenty-four Hours before the Hour of the Day appointed for their Meeting? Whether he, in proper Perſon, ſummoned every Member of *that Poſt-Aſſembly*? All which he muſt, to your Knowlege, have anſwered in the *Negative*.---You muſt have aſked him, who ſerves his Summonſes for him? And you muſt have received the ſame Anſwer that he made me, upon being aſked this Queſtion, before Mr. *Page*, the Maſter of the *Hatters*, and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, Maſter of the *Hoſiers*, in their Shop on *Cork-Hill*, ſome Days before the Aſſembly; where he ſaid, "he *could ſwear*, that ſince he came into the Office, it was not poſſible, there ſhould be any Neglect or Omiſſion in ſummoning; which he demonſtrated, by ſhewing a Liſt of the *Commons* and telling, that he gave his Servant a printed Summons for each Member, which he ordered him to fill, and to ſerve properly; and, that he always examined him ſtrictly, by the Liſt, at his Return, ſo that he could *poſitively ſwear* that nobody failed of being duly ſummoned."

How powerful, how weighty ſuch Teſtimony may be, with you, MOST REVEREND, GRAVE and MIGHTY SENATE of this beggered and undone City, I can not take upon me to pronounce. But, give me Leave to aſk you, SIRS, upon how much better Evidence have you, *clandeſtinely*, attacked and reproached my Veracity, my Character and Reputation? Good God! How can Men, who ought to know and to prize *Veracity*, and *fair Fame*, make ſo ſlight of

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thoſe of others! Or, would any of you like to be *tried*, UNHEARD, and *condemned*, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWING of *Guilt*? And that, without any *poſitive Proof*, without Evidence, upon which, a *known Offender* might be ſent to the Correction of the Stocks! Was not this the ſum of your *Mock-Trial*? a *Fragment* of a Paragraph of a nameleſs, unknown, or *conceal'd* Paper, to blacken and aggravate the *Guilt*, called, a *Pamphlet*, is recited; and becauſe it glanced a Reflection on *our great Sovereign Lords*, *the Aldermen*, or *their Officer of Commons*, is at once condemned. To give it the Color of Juſtice, *Witneſſes* are examined to the following Effect: "*Mr.* Morgan *did you ever neglect your Office?*" Anſwer, *upon Oath*, No.—"*Gentlemen, do you all believe him?*" Anſwer, without an Oath, or perhaps, in Silence; Ay. Then, to be ſure, the Allegation in the unheard of *Volume*, or *Pamphlet*, muſt be *falſe*, *malicious* and *ſcandalous*! and ſo it was *unanimouſly voted*, and for the Satisfaction of the Public, that is, the City, otherwiſe the *Board* of *Aldermen*, it is ordered to be publiſhed!

WITH great Submiſſion and all imaginable Reſpect and Deference to that moſt wiſe and awful Tribunal, I, a poor, humble, prejudged Criminal before you, beg Leave, in profound Lowlineſs to aſk you, ſhould not good Mr. *Morgan*, or *ſome Body* have *poſitively Sworn*, "that he duly ſerved every *Commoner* with a Summons to attend that *identical Poſt-Aſſembly*?" And ſhould not every *Commoner* in the City be obliged to ſwear, *poſitively*, "that he was duly ſummoned to that and every other *Aſſembly*, or *Committee*?" And ſhould not *Cuſarit* be allowed the Benefit of examining theſe, and bringing his *Witneſſes* to confront them, before he was *found* and *proclaimed*, *guilty* of theſe *high Crimes* and *Miſdemeanors*?

THESE are the Principles of Juſtice and Law. To theſe Privileges, the meaneſt and worſt of the King's Subjects are intitled. And whoever *condemns* a Man upon any other Terms, or in any other Manner, unleſs he be of the *preſent Commons* of this *abandoned City*, who are always to be excepted, is a *Robber* and a *Murderer*.

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I am not, my *good Maſters*, inſenſible of your Motives and Intentions in this *your upright* Judgment. You have ſufficiently publiſhed them, by the Manner, in which you communicated your unparallelled Tranſactions to your *Taſk-maſters*. They, honeſt Gentlemen! confeſs you have out-done them. They never thus publicly, however privately they might, have ſentenced a Man to *Condemnation*, upon ſuch Evidence. O! what pity it is, they can not make you *all Sheriffs*, *all Aldermen*, or *all Lord Mayors*! No doubt whatever Cauſes ſhould come before you, in theſe *Judicial* Capacities, or hereafter may, as *Juſtices*, would and ſhall be as *fairly*, as *candidly*, as *clearly*, as *fully*, as *diſpaſſionately*, as *impartially* tried and determined, as *mine*. And it is to be hoped, the Liſt of the *preſent Commons* will be kept, as a moſt *laſting*, a moſt *memorable* and *uſeful Record*, during your happy Lives, in the Offices of all the ſucceeding *Sub-Sheriffs* of *Dublin*.

But if you would recommend yourſelves for ever to the Favor of your *wiſe Rulers*, take one hardy ſtep more; *Vote* all my *Letters* and *Addreſſes* not only *falſe*, *malitious* and *ſcandalous*, but *flagitious*, *ſeditious*, *traiterous*, *heretical* and *damnable*; and ſo *order* them to be burned, by the hands of the *Common Hang-man*, or of the *Officer* of *Commons*. One will be equally wiſe, juſt and lawful with the other, and will certainly redound more to your Fame.

I have but one ſmall Indulgence to beg of you, and that is, that you will humanely pleaſe to forgive my having through all my paſſed Letters, ſo evidently miſtaken your true Senſe and general Characters. It is my Weakneſs, having been *unfortunately* bred a *Chriſtian*, to think, judge and ſpeak of all Men, as I have hitherto done of you; till they ſhew me my Error; and I now moſt heartily thank you, that you have opened mine Eyes; and promiſe I ſhall not offend you, in this Manner for the future. I alſo thank you in the Name of my *Fellow-Citizens*, for having ſo timely afforded an inconteſtible Argument for repealing the *New-Rules*.

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THE ſenſible Shock, you have already given my Credit, to the extreme Joy of your pious *God-fathers* at the *Board*, moves me to dread, that at your next Meeting, you will Cenſure my *third Letter* in the ſame unheared-of Manner. I heartily wiſh the ſecond, third, and fourth Paragraphs eraſed; but, ſince this plaguy *Thorn* in the Sides of all *Tyrants*, the PRESS, remains yet free, I muſt even let them ſtand. But, hope, that it may not offend you to be told, "*that you were found an* Over-match *for the Cunning of the* Aldermen;" "*that I hoped, that the* Aldermen *were not prepared to bring you to the Field of Action*;" Or, "*that it never was more neceſſary for the City*, or *more incumbent on the* Commons *to ſhew their* good Senſe, Virtue, Freedom and Fortitude, *than at this* Juncture. I really and truly intended no Offence to you; But if your Conduct proves, by your *heavy Cenſure*, theſe ſurmiſes, *falſe*, will it not be hard, I ſhould be cenſured! If then you ſhould examine the *Porter* of the *Tholſel*, and he ſhould *ſwear*, he did not neglect his Office, knowingly, or deſignedly; I beg you will not *vote* this *High-Treaſon*, as you did that, *falſe*, *malicious* and *ſcandalous*. Indeed, each Accuſation would be alike true and juſt. But, if you judge otherwiſe, who muſt not ſubmit? But, let me whiſper it in your Ear, by way of Advice, for your own Sake, not to receive your *Documents* in this, *publicly*, from the *Aldermen*, nor ſend your next *criminating Decree*, firſt, to them, and afterwards, by the *Candidate Aldermen*'s Clerk, to the *Preſs*, as you did the former.

NOW, I return to MY DEAREST FRIENDS and FELLOW-CITIZENS, for whoſe *Wealth*, *Peace*, *Honor* and LIBERTY, which are not leſs dear to me, than mine own, I have ſo long ſtrenuouſly contended; and I beſeech you to look narrowly into my Conduct, examine me ſtrictly, conſider the true Tenor of my Actions, the Purport and Intent of my Labors, and then weigh the ſevere Cenſure paſſed upon me, by the *Commons*, who ſhould be your *Repreſentatives* and *Servants*, my *Guardians*; and judge whether or no, I deſerve ſuch Treatment, or whether or no, I be, by theſe *faſhionable*

Judges,

Judges; fairly tried and juſtly convicted and ſentenced. If you find it ſo, I ſhall ſubmit: But if, on the contrary, you find, that I have been treated with *Injuſtice*, or *undeſerved Rigor*; if you find, that no *Principle* of *Juſtice*, or *Law* was regarded in the *violent Determination*; a *Writing* cenſured by *Fragments*; and an *Author* condemned upon *Negative* Evidence, and *unheared*; ſure you will exert yourſelves in the Vindication of the injured Fame of your *innocent*, if not *uſeful Servant*.

I AM very well ſatisfied, there are many Men of Worth and Honor in the *Commons*, and for their ſake, not leſs than mine own, I am ſorry for their being led, by artful, deſigning Men, into this unparallelled Proceding. As they are anſwerable for their Conduct to you, it is fit you look into this matter, and let all thoſe, that are not engaged in any ſiniſter Scheme, declare the *Ring-leaders* of that Scandalous *Conſpiracy*, deteſt the Artifices, by which they were deceived, and publiſh their *Proteſt* againſt the *Iniquity*.

BUT, let my Fate be what it may, watch theſe *Commons* in the Court of *Darein Hundred*. Providence has raiſed you among the *Board* a CHIEF MAGISTRATE reſolutely determined to ſupport your RIGHTS and LIBERTIES, particularly, in that Court. It is with Pleaſure, I hear, he declared, in the Court, which he held, with due Regard to every Citizen, open to a later Hour, than it has been known in the Memory of Man; "that he was neither afraid, nor aſhamed to declare, that he was in the Intereſt of the *Commons* and *Citizens*, and that he would uſe his utmoſt might, upon all Occaſions, to ſupport and promote that Intereſt, in all Reſpects whatſoever."

THE Election of *Recorder* is put off for ſome Reaſons, only known to the *Sages*, and their beſt documented *Minions* in the *Commons*. But, as theſe *Rulers* are ſo infatuated in their Councils, that ſome of their cloſeſt ſecrets tranſpire, I beg leave to give you ſome Intimations of their Intentions.

BEFORE any other Gentleman of the *long Robe*, ſuſpected the late *Recorder's* Reſignation, I am well informed the Place was engaged to a certain Favorite

of the *prevailing Faction.* But, when it was found, that the *Commons* and You would interest yourselves in the Election; then it was made a point with the *Grandees*, and they pitched upon a Man more likely to succede, *related* to a *Citizen's* family, but more nearly *related* to a certain *powerful Gentleman*, by whose Authority alone, the *Tyranny* and *Usurpation* of the *Board* is now supported, contrary to Justice and Law. One of the young *Aldermen*, not yet grounded in the *dark Mysteries* of the *Board*, gave it as a Reason to a *Gentleman*, who solicited him for his Interest for a *Lawyer*, who deservedly stood well with the *Board*, "*that the* ALDERMEN *were now* pushed at, *and that they must therefore choose somebody* Recorder, *who has a* powerful Interest *to support the* Board." ——— Should not you for the like Reason, choose Somebody, that has *Interest*, and is in himself able and willing to pull *them down* to their *primitive Stations*, and to raise the *Commons* to theirs? The same may be said of the Office of *Receiver General*. It behooves you to look narrowly into the Disposal of both. And if your *Commons* joyn with your *Inslavers* in choosing one unfit for your purposes, it is incumbent on you to *prohibit* his Election in the Court of *Dureis-Hundred*, for the Reasons and purposes in my last mentioned.

I HOPE you see, I am neither dismayed, nor discouraged, by the undeserved Censure of *your Commons*, nor the Frowns of *great*, or *small Aldermen*. Though they should procede to *disfranchise* me, I shall pursue my intended Course, with equal Steadiness and Zeal, without *dread*, or *hopes* of incurring, or obtaining the *Censure*, or *Applause*, the *Enmity*, or *Friendship* of any Man, as a Return, or Reward for the inconsiderable Labors of,

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MY DEAREST BRETHREN and FRIENDS,

Your most dutiful,

and most faithful Servant,

DUBLIN, *July* 25, 1749. *C. Lucas.*